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Kensington Methodist Church

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Gothic Revival

Historic Buildings of Connecticut

At the corner of Hotchkiss and Church Street. It was built in 1893 with a modern education wing added in 1961. The church was first organized in 1858 as the Kensington Methodist Episcopal Church and met in the Berlin Town Hall until their first church was built in 1865 at the corner of Percival Avenue and Sbona Road.



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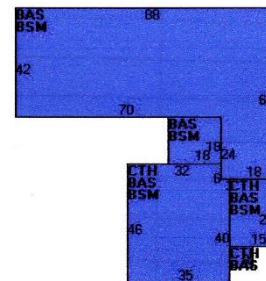
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Sketch

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
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QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	
1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	Methodist-Episcopal Church
2. TOWN CITY	Berlin
VILLAGE	Kensington
COUNTY	Hartford
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	107 Hotchkiss Street
4. OWNER(S)	Methodist Episcopal Church " " Kensington 06037 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present)	Church
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN
7. STYLE OF BUILDING	Gothic Revival
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
10. ROOF (Type)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
(Material)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	N/A
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	35' x 46'; 86' x 42' rear addition
12. CONDITION (Structural)	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved WHEN? Alterations? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	In a neighborhood of 19th- and 20th-century houses just north of the American Paper Goods factory.

DESCRIPTION

DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and/or exterior)	
	<p>The Methodist Episcopal Church has front and right gables with a rectangular steeple tower located at the gable intersection. Both gable walls have a large pointed-arched stained glass window glazed in an interlaced-arch pattern. The front gable wall also has smaller flanking pointed-arched windows. The tower has on its right and front sides heavy paneled doors set in pointed-arched entries with glazed stained glass transoms. The belfry has rectangular openings with balustrades and large jigsaw corner braces. The short spire is covered in wood shingles. The left elevation has four evenly spaced pointed-arched stained glass windows. To the rear is a modern brick addition which serves as a school.</p>	
SIGNIFICANCE	18. ARCHITECT	BUILDER
	19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE	
<p>Architecturally, the Methodist Episcopal Church is significant as a well-preserved example of the Gothic Revival style. Popularized by the works of Andrew Jackson Downing, the style was common in domestic architecture in the mid-19th century. In the late Victorian period, it experienced a second wave of popularity as an ecclesiastical and institutional style. Typical Gothic Revival elements present here include the extensive use of pointed-arched forms, the relatively steeply pitched gables, the jigsawn woodwork in the belfry, and the pointed spire of the steeple tower. Modern siding has obscured little of the original detailing.</p>		
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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS		

